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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2431

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, ES

SUBJ: PDC LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOES ON DUARTE ISSUE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2405

1. IN PAID NEWSPAPER AD JUNA 17, THE OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS BLASTED THE MOLINA ADMINISTRATION FOR REFUSING FORMER PDC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DUARTE ENTRY INTO COUNTRY (REFTEL). PARTY OUTLINES ITS UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS EARLIER TO DISCUSS DUARTE'S RETURN WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AS WELL AS DUARTE'S ROUND TRIP ODYSSEY FROM SAN ANDRES LAST SUNDAY, AND CLAIMS GOVT VIOLATED CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES. (THE PDC IS ON SOUND GROUNDS SINCE ARTICLE 154 OF THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES THE RIGHT OF ALL SALVADORANS TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.)

2. PDC CONTENTS THAT GOVT IS IN DESPERATE STRAITS, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY COHERENT POLICY TO COMBAT INFLATION, AND HAS NO OTHER SOLUTIONS TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS THAN THE USE OF FORCE WHICH DEMONSTRATES ITS INHERENT WEAKNESS. PARTY PROMISES
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TO FIGHT FOR CONSTITUTIONALITY, ASKS OTHER POLITICAL AND

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS, AND CALLS FOR RALLY
IN DOWNTOWN SAN SALVADOR JUNE 20 "IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS."
IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, PDC DEPUTIES ARE ALSO RAISING ISSUE
OF DUARTE'S RETURN IN DEBATE.

3. COMMENT: PDC IS FOLLOWING THESIS THAT DUARTE ADVANCED TO US
PRIVATELY DURING HIS VISIT HERE LAST MARCH, I.E., THE MOLINA
GOVT CANNOT COPE WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
WITHOUT THE POPULAR SUPPORT THE PDC ENJOYS. THUS FAR, THE
GOVT HAS NOT COMMENTED ON ITS REFUSAL TO LET DUARTE ENTER
THE COUNTRY NOR HAS IT REPLIED TO PDC SENATOR RAMIREZ
RAUDA'S PUBLISHED DEMAND THAT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR EXPLAIN
HIS POSITION.
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